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1. PARA 4 (C) OF REF (C) RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE TO THE GOM TOTALLING TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN FY-1978. PARA 1 (C) OF REF (D) APPROVED ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING TOTALLING \$1.5 MILLION IN FY-1978. WE UNDERSTAND FROM SOHLIN TO LINNEMANN MEMORANDUM OF MARCH 27 THAT DEPARTMENT (S/NM) HAS INITIATED PROCEDURES TO RAISE LEVEL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE TO THE \$2 MILLION RECOMMENDED BY THE EMBASSY.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE EASIEST WAY TO HANDLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM IS TO AMEND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT OF 07 SEPTEMBER 1977, WHICH WAS RECOMMENDED IN REF (A) AND MODIFIED BY REF (B), TO INCREASE THE FUNDING LEVEL BY \$2 MILLION. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS
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OF THE EARLIER AGREEMENT WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED.

3. ESSENTIAL PARAGRAPHS OF 07 SEPTEMBER 1977 AGREEMENT WOULD THEN READ:

(A) "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AGREES TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT, TECHNICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING A TELE-

COMMUNICATIONS ADVISER FOR ONE YEAR, AND TRAINING, AS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FOR SUPPORT OF THE NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT. THE COST TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (US \$ 2,132,000).

(B) "THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AGREES TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AS REQUIRED TO MAXIMIZE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND THE UTILIZATION OF THE EQUIPMENT FURNISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THROUGH THIS AGREEMENT."

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE THE EMBASSY TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT OF 07 SEPTEMBER 1977 TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE BY TWO MILLION DOLLARS. IF DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES A DELAY IN INCREASING FY-1978 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE FROM \$1.5 TO \$2 MILLION, REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND 07 SEPTEMBER 1977 AGREEMENT TO INCREASE FUNDING LEVEL BY \$1.5 MILLION AS ALREADY APPROVED, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WILL LATER SIGN SECOND AMENDMENT FOR THE \$500,000 BALANCE. LUCEY

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